

## The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building December 9, 2002 with the following members present: Bob Newsome, Chairman; Alvan Johnson, Vice Chairman; Russ Frey, Member; and Cindy Kabriel sitting in for Rich Vargo, County Clerk.

### **8:30 Public Comment**

Mike Kearns; and Hjerda McAllister, Administrative Assistant, attended.

Johnson moved to approve the minutes of December 5, 2002 as amended.

Frey seconded. Carried 3 -0.

McAllister said the Legislative Retreat is scheduled for December 18, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers.

### **9:00 Business Meeting**

Sam Schmidt, Appraiser; Janet Dean, Human Resources Coordinator; Alyson Raletz, Manhattan Mercury; Mike Kearns; and Stan Morgan, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services, attended.

Johnson moved to approve the "Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) Bureau of Construction and Maintenance County Agreement to Treat Noxious Weeds" on State Highways by Riley County personnel for 2003. Frey seconded. Carried 3 -0.

Frey moved to approve the "We Deliver Courier Agreement" to provide courier service to the Noxious Weed Department for 2003. The contract is prorated service of the Public Works Department. Johnson seconded. Carried 3 -0.

Johnson moved to approve Resolution 120902 -124 appointing a representative (Dr. Mary Dean Apel) to the North Central -Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging, term expires December 31, 2004. Frey seconded. Carried 3 -0.

Johnson moved to approve Resolution 120902 -125 appointing a representative (Shirley Delano) to the North Central -Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging, term expires December 31, 2003. Frey seconded. Carried 3 -0.

Frey moved to approve Resolution No. 120902 -126 authorizing Riley County to be listed as a named party in legal action by the Kansas Association of Counties with respect to demand transfer payment reductions recently made by Governor Graves, with the proviso that Stan Morgan add the paragraph stating at no cost to Riley County. Johnson seconded. Carried 3 -0.

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Action Form for Patricia A. Council, a new hire, as an Appraiser II, in the Appraiser's Office, at a grade 7 step 1, at \$11.60 per hour.

Johnson moved to approve the Agreement for Professional Service with Schwab-Eaton Consulting Engineers for rough grading of building pads and related parking and on-site utility services at the new Riley County Shop site in the amount of \$31,200.00 to be funded by the Road and Bridge budget. Frey seconded. Carried 3 -0.

### **9:30 Press Conference**

Sam Schmidt, Appraiser; Dan Harden, Director of Public Works/County Engineer; Alyson Raletz, Manhattan Mercury; and Mike Kearns, attended.

Harden discussed the Road and Bridge Advisory Board project selection process.

Hardensaidthesunsetrequirementinthesalestaxquestiondoesnotallow  
fortheconstructionofall21projectsintheRoadandBridgeAdvisoryBoard  
listing. Thismeanstheprojectswillneedtobeprioritizedtotallyandnotjustby  
projecttypeastheyhavebeeninthepast.

Hardensaidthisprocessisfurthercomplicatedbythefactthatthe  
constructedprojectmarketiscurrentlyoffering25%to40%discountsonprojects.  
Thisisduetotheincreased competitionforfewerprojectscausedbyadeclining  
Kansaseconomy. Itisanticipatedtherecentgubernatorialbudgetcutswillresult  
infurtherpricecutsinthemarketforconstructedprojects.

Hardensaidthetax -exemptmunicipalmarketisnowofferin gtemporary  
financingforlessthan3%peryear. Hardensaidthisisahistoricallylowmarket.

Hardensaidinanattempttocombinethehugediscountedconstruction  
marketandthehugediscountedinterestratemarkettheRoadandBridge  
AdvisoryBoardwillbelookingatprojectsthatcanbequicklybroughttomarket.

Hardensaidthismeansasphaltoverlays, bridges, andculvertswillprobably  
bethefocusoftheRoadandBridgeAdvisoryBoard'swork. TheRoadandBridge  
AdvisoryBoardhasmettwicesince theelectiontodiscusstheboard's  
recommendationtotheBoardofCountyCommissioners.

HardensaidpresentlytheRoadandBridgeAdvisoryBoardiscreatinga  
projectprioritylistandwillbetakingthislisttotheCounty'sfinancialadvisorandto  
theCounty'sbondcounsel. Thepurposeofthesediscussionsistocreateaplan  
thatcanbequicklybroughttomarket. Hardensaidtomakethisstrategywork, the  
constructionfundsmustbeborrowed. Hardensaidtomakethisafinancially  
rationaldecisionthevalueoftheconstructionmarketdiscountmustexceedthe

cost of the borrowed money. Hardensaid this is the question the financial advisor will answer for us.

Hardensaid if this is not the case, the recommendation will be to wait until the sales tax revenues begin in 2 - years.

Hardensaid the Road and Bridge Advisory Board plan to have a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners in January 2003.

Schmidt discussed the Appraiser's Annual Review. Schmidt said the Appraiser's Office reviews properties for final review, and then final values are certified by March 1, 2003.

Wedelsaid a Public Forum for the Comprehensive Land Use Plan will be held Wednesday, December 11, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. and a Project Advisory Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the large assembly room, Fire Station Headquarters.

Freysaid the Kansas Association of Counties and the League of Kansas Municipalities will meet this Thursday to decide whether to proceed with joint legal efforts against Governor Graves. Freysaid if it is agreed upon to proceed, a Press Conference will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Frey read and discussed the Resolution authorizing Riley County to be listed as a named party in legal action by the Kansas Association of Counties with respect to demand for transfer payment reductions recently made by Governor Graves. Freysaid this will be at no expense to Riley County.

Newsomesaid volunteers give time to collect donated food or money for the Flint Hills Bread Basket.

Newsome said Riley County needs to look at and identify opportunities when a budget crisis situation occurs like the demand transfer cut by Governor Graves.

Newsome said the Board of County Commissioners has requested input from employees to find the best avenue to make due to the demand transfer cut by the State of Kansas. Newsome said the commissioners have requested recommendations from the Budget Committee and Department Heads pertaining to the demand transfer cut funds.

**10:00 Rich Vargo, County Clerk**

Stan Morgan, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; and Mike Kearns, attended.

Vargo presented the year -to-date Budget and Expenditures Reports.

**10:43 Dan Harden, Director of Public Works/County Engineer**

Mike Kearns; Rondy Haug; Stan Glaum; Stan Morgan, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services; and Lynda Nyberg, League of Women Voters, attended.

Harden discussed the request to estimate water usage at University Park for billing.

Johnson moved to bill the December 2002, and the January and February 2003 University Park sewer and water bills based on the average of these bills of a year ago for these months. The University Park water meters will be read in March 2003 and accounts adjusted based on the March 2003 billing. Frey seconded. Carried 3 -0.

Harden discussed the county federal highway financial aid process.

Harden reviewed the federal safe drinking water act regulations.

**11:30 Jake Jacobs, Director of Pawnee Mental Health**

Cecil Eyestone; and Lynda Nyberg, League of Women Voters, attended.

Jacobs discussed the 2003 contract for Pawnee Mental Health.

Jacobs said the State's cuts will impact Pawnee Mental Health about \$150,000.00.

Johnson recommended delaying action on the 2003 contract for Pawnee Mental Health until Riley County's actions on the demand transfer cuts are finalized.

Johnson moved to approve Resolution No. 120902 -127 (Re) naming a road in Riley County, Kansas outside the corporate limits of any city, repealing Resolution No. 120502 -119. Frey seconded. Carried 3 -0.

**12:00** Recessed to attend the County Officials Luncheon.

**1:15 Stan Morgan, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services**

- **Administrative Work Session**

Mike Kearns; and Cindy Volanti, Administrative Account Analyst, attended.

Morgan discussed the Kansas State Employee Health Care Commission contract.

Johnson suggested Riley County implement a policy on public retirees being allowed to participate under Riley County's health care program until eligible for Medicare.

Morgan discussed maintaining the flexibility to adjust appropriation amounts to outside entities when approving contracts.

Morgan said he is working on revisions to the contract with Viewpoint Technologies on the GIS website.

Discussion followed on the ATA Bus budget.

Frey moved to approve the payroll vouchers in the amount of \$141,221.67

and the following warrant vouchers for December 13, 2002:

County General	\$144,786.56
NCFHAAA – Match	6,265.50
NCFHAAA – CDBG	13,945.80
Truancy Monitor	463.95
Domestic Violence Spec	533.89
Juvenile Intake Case Mgr	190.56
Riley Co Juvenile Service	3,731.59
Auto Special	3,402.62
21 <sup>st</sup> Jud Dist Surveillance	445.58
22 <sup>nd</sup> Jud Dist Adult Serv	2,799.74
21 <sup>st</sup> Jud Dist Teen Court	627.91
Law Enforcement Center	2,434.15
Riley Co Adult Services	4,034.97
Capital Improvements Fund	79,803.99
Solid Waste	1,694.39
County Building	3,458.25
Riley Co Fire Dist #1	2,012.08
University Park W&S	279.65
Deep Creek Sewer	49.93
Valleywood Operations	2,172.36
Konza Water Operations	195.17
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$273,328.64</b>

Johnson seconded. Carried 3 -0.

**City/County Meeting on December 19, 2002 :**

1. ATA Bus Service – Al Johnson and Bruce Snead
2. Riley County Police Department and Health Department Budgets regarding demand transfer cuts

**1:48** Johnson moved to adjourn. Frey seconded. Carried 3 -0.